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PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 09812.0498-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Junichi SAKAMOTO et al.)	Group Art Unit: 2672
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Application No.: 10/629,112)	Examiner: Eric V. Woods
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Filed: July 29, 2003)	Confirmation No.: 6984
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2006, the period for response to which extends through May 24, 2006, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.